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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS-DRAFT ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT(HELICOPTERS)

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1. SUMMARY: IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOM, S/NM APPROVED OPTIONS
CONTAINED PARA TWO REFTEL ACCEPTED. TEXT OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT
TRANSMITTED HEREIN FOR APPROVAL. END SUMMARY.

2. IN SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
OFFICE (AG), IN MANY OF WHICH MEXICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED,

MISSION OBTAINED PROMPT AG APPROVAL TO SUBSTITUTE EIGHT NEW
BELL 206 SPRAY-EQUIPPED HELICOPTERS FOR FIVE EXISTING BELL 212
HELICOPTERS WHICH WILL BE USED FOR TROOP TRANSPORT. IN MEANTIME,
AG AND SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAVE AGREED THAT AG(WITH USG SUPPORT)
WILL REFURBISH TWO MEXICAN AIR FORCE (MAF) 205'S, TWO MAF
206'S(TO BE USED FOR COMMAND TRANSPORT), AND ONE MAF G-47
HELICOPTER(FOR MILITARY RECONNAISSANCE PURPOSES).

3. AVIATION MAINTENANCE ADVISOR HAS ALREADY EXAMINED THE TWO
205'S AND TWO 206'S TO BE RECONDITIONED AND ESTIMATES
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THAT COST INCLUDING G-47 NOT EXCEED DOLS 100,000(AND MAY BE MUCH
LESS) AND THAT WORK CAN BE COMPLETED WITHIN TWO WEEKS. (FYI: AG,
BECAUSE OF SOME
CONSTRAINT AND ASSUMING GOOD FAITH ON USG PART,
HAS ALREADY BEGUN RECONDITIONING).

4. WE ASSUME THAT MISSION REPORTING SINCE TRANSMISSION OF REFTEL IS

SUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY MINIMUM CCINC EXPENDITURE TO REPAIR MAF HELICOPTERS.

WHILE WE DO NOT HAVE COMPLETE TEXT OF MILITARY OPERATIONAL PLAN, IT HAS BEEN OBVIOUS IN MEETINGS THAT AG AND DEFENSE BOTH SEE GENUINE NEED FOR TROOP LIFT CAPABILITY, PRIMARILY FOR INTERDICTION EFFORTS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS IN THE FIELD. A DATT ANALYSIS OF MILITARY OPERATION IS CONTAINED IN IR 6 864 0017 77.

MAZATLAN A-01 AND A-02 ALSO CONTAIN EXCELLENT INFO ON MILITARY OPERATION. WE BELIEVE EXPENDITURE OF DOLS 100,000 OR LESS WOULD BE WHOLLY DEFENSIBLE MERELY TO PREVENT MILITARY INTERFERENCE IN SPRAY OPERATION, BUT ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE MILITARY OPERATION, WHETHER FOUR MONTHS OR LONGER, WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL POSITIVE IMPACT ON TRAFFICKING PATTERNS. USG ASSISTANCE TO MEXICAN MILITARY THROUGH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL ALSO SERVE TO STRENGTHEN UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF GOM CIVILIAN-MILITARY COOPERATION, WITH BENEFICIAL FALLOUT TO US NARCOTICS INTERESTS FAR OUTLASTING THIS SINGLE OPERATION.

5. MISSION THEREFORE RECOMMENDS PROMPT APPROVAL OF FOLLOWING DRAFT ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT.

6. ENGLISH TEXT:

DEAR MR. ATTORNEY GENERAL:
IN CONFIRMATION OF RECENT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS RELATING TO THE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES TO CURB THE ILLEGAL TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS, I AM PLEASED TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS WILLING TO ENTER INTO ADDITIONAL COOPERA-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO TO REDUCE SUCH TRAFFIC.

I. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AGREES TO PROVIDE EIGHT(8) MODEL 206-B HELICOPTERS INDIVIDUALLY EQUIPPED WITH SIMPLEX II SPRAY SYSTEMS AND AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SPARE PARTS AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE HELICOPTERS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS(\$250,000) EACH AND AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SPARE PARTS AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE SPRAY EQUIPMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED TEN PER CENT (10) OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE SPRAY SYSTEM.

II. THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AGREES TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PILOTS AND MECHANICS ON ITS ROLLS COM-MENSURATE WITH THIS INCREASE IN ITS ROTARY WING FLEET IN ORDER TO ATTAIN THE MOST EFFECTIVE AVAILABILITY AND UTILIZATION. ADDITIONALLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AGREES TO ADHERE TO SCHEDULES OF MUTUALLY DEVELOPED TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR PILOTS

AND MECHANICS DESIGNED TO ATTAIN HIGHER LEVELS OF
TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY.

III. FURTHERMORE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES AGREES TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT AT
A SUM NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS
(\$100,000) TO RECONDITION FIVE ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT
ON TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT FROM THE MEXICAN AIR FORCE
TO TRANSPORT MEXICAN ARMY ELEMENTS IN THE ERADICA-
TION/INTERDICTION ACTIVITIES DURING THE 1977 CAM-
PAIGN.

IV. THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AGREES TO PRO-
VIDE THE SITE FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND TECHNICAL
PERSONNEL TO MAINTAIN THE MEXICAN AIR FORCE ROTARY
WING AIRCRAFT DURING THE PERIOD OF THEIR TEMPORARY
ASSIGNMENT IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE ERADICATION/:
INTERDICTION ACTIVITIES. FURTHER, THE GOVERNMENT
OF MEXICO AGREES TO ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY TO AS-
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SURE THAT:

- A. THE ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT ARE MANNED BY
QUALIFIED MEXICAN AIR FORCE CREWS WHO HAVE FLIGHT
PROFICIENCY IN TROOP LIFT AND MOUNTAIN FLYING CON-
DITIONS.
- B. THE PROPER OPERATIONAL SCHEDULING IS PER-
FORMED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE MOST EFFECITVE UTILIZA-
TION OF SAID AIRCRAFT.

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C. TECHNICAL INSPECTIONS ARE PERFORMED ON ALL FIVE ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT PRIOR TO THEIR RETURN TO THE MEXICAN AIR FORCE.

V. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF BOTH PROJECTS IN THIS AGREEMENT WILL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF -----DOLLARS(\$-----).

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PROVISIONS OF ALL PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO IN RELATION TO THE NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT, AND APPLICABLE TO THIS AGREEMENT UNLESS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY MODIFIED HEREIN.

IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO, THIS LETTER AND YOUR REPLY WILL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE TO YOU THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND PERSONAL ESTEEM.

7. SPANISH TEXT:

ESTIMADO SENOR PROCURADOR GENERAL:
CONFIRMANDO RECIENTES CONVERSACIONES ENTRE FUNCIONARIOS DE NUESTROS DOS GOBIERNOS, RELATIVAS A LA COOPERACION ENTRE MEXICO Y LA PRODUCCION ILLEGAL DE ESTUPEFACIENTES, ME COMPLACE AVISARLE QUE EL GOBIERNO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS ESTA DISPUESTO A CONCERTAR CON EL GOBIERNO DE MEXICO ARREGLOS COOPERATIVOS ADICIONALES CON EL FIN DE APOYAR LOS ESFUERZOS DEL GOBIERNO
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DE MEXICO PARA REDUCIR DICH TRAFICO.

I. EL GOBIERNO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS ESTA DE ACUERDO EN PROPORCIONAR OCHO (8) HELICOPTEROS, MODELO 206-B EQUIPADOS CADA UNO CON SISTEMAS DE FUMIGACION SIMPLEX II Y UN ABASTECIMIENTO ADECUADO DE REFACCIONES Y ACCESORIOS PARA LOS HELICOPTEROS QUE NO EXCEDERA DOSCIENTOS CINCUENTA MIL DOLARES (\$250,000) Y UN ABASTECIMIENTO ADECUADO DE REFACCIONES Y ACCESORIOS PARA EL EQUIPO DE FUMIGACION A UN COSTO QUE NO EXCEDERA EL DIEZ POR CIENTO (10) DEL COSTO TOTAL DE DICHO EQUIPO.

II. EL GOBIERNO DE MEXICO ESTA DE ACUERDO EN INCREMENTAR EL NUMERO DE PILOTOS Y MECANICOS EN SUS NOMINAS EN PROPORCION CON ESTE INCREMENTO EN SU FLOTA DE MAQUINAS DE ALA ROTATIVA PARA LOGRAR LA MAS EFICIENTE DISPONIBILIDAD Y UTILIZACION. ADMAS, EL GOBIERNO DE MEXICO ESTA DE ACUERDO EN ADHERIRSE A LOS HORARIOS DE ADIESTRAMIENTO MUTUAMENTE ACORDADOS PARA LOS PILOTOS Y MECANICOS DISENAOS PARA OBTENER NIVELES MAS ALTOS DE PERFECCIONAMIENTO TECNICO.

III. ADMAS, EL GOBIERNO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS ESTA DE ACUERDO EN PROPORCIONAR SERVICIOS Y EQUIPO POR UNA CANTIDAD QUE NO EXCEDERA CIEN MIL DOLARES (\$100,000) PARA EL RECONDICIONAMIENTO DE CINCO (5) MAQUINAS DE ALA ROTATIVA PROVISIONALMENTE ASIGNADAS FOR LA FUERZA AEREA MEXICANA PARA EL TRANSPORTE DE ELEMENTOS DEL EJERCITO MEXICANO EN LOS ESFUERZOS DE ERRADICACION E

INTERCEPCION DURANTE LA CAMPANA DEL ANO 1977.

IV. EL GOBIERNO DE MEXICO ESTA DE ACUERDO EN PROPORCIONAR EL PREDIO, EL EQUIPO, Y EL PERSONAL TECNICO PARA MANTENER LAS MAQUINAS DE ALA ROTATIVA DE LA FUERZA AEREA MEXICANA DURANTE EL PERIODO DE Dicha COMISION PROVISIONAL EN APOYO DIRECTOR DE LAS ACTIVIDADES DE ERRADICACION E INTERCEPCION. ADEMOS, EL GOBIERNO DE MEXICO ESTA DE ACUERDO EN ASUMIR LA RESPONSABILIDAD PARA ASEGURAR QUE:

- A. LAS MAQUINAS DE ALA ROTATIVA TENGAN TRIPULANTES CALIFICADOS DE LA FUERZA AEREA MEXICANA QUIENES TIENEN DESTREZA EN EL TRANSPORTE DE TROPAS Y EN CONDICIONES DE VUELO EN LA SIERRA.
 - B. EL HORARIO OPERACIONAL SE REALIZARA CON OBJETO DE LOGRAR LA UTILIDAD MAS EFICAZ DE DICHAS MAQUINAS.
 - C. INSPECCIONES TECNICAS SE LLEVARAN A CABO EN TODAS LAS CINCO (5)
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MAQUINAS ANTES DE DEVOLVERLAS A LA FUERZA AEREA MEXICANA.

V. EL COSTO TOTAL AL GOBIERNO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMBOS PROJECTOS DENTRO DE ESTE CONVENIO NO EXCEDERA LA CANTIDAD DE -----DOLARES(\$-----).

SE TIENE POR ENTENDIDO QUE LAS DISPOSICIONES DE TODOS LOS ACUERDOS PREVIOS ENTRE EL GOBIERNO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS Y EL GOBIERNO DE MEXICO, EN RELACION CON LOS ESFUERZOS DEL GOBIERNO DE MEXICO PARA EL CONTROL DE ESTUPEFACIENTES, PERMANECEN EN PLENO VIGOR Y EFECTO Y SERAN APLICABLES A ESTE CONVENIO, A MENOS DE QUE SE MODIFIQUEN EXPRESAMENTE AQUI.

SE LO ANTEDICHO ES ACEPTABLE AL GOBIERNO DE MEXICO, ESTA CARTA Y SU CONTESTACION CONTITUIRAN UN ACUERDO ENTRE LOS DOS GOBIERNOS.

ME ES GRATO APROVECHAR ESTA OPORTUNIDAD PARA REITERAR A USTED LAS SEGURIDADES DE MI MAS ALTA CONSIDERACION Y ESTIMA PERSONAL.

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